# LIBEL CHARGE AND SUIT.

AN ACTION AGAINST THE PLANET PUBLISHING COMPANY.

A Card in the Paper Regarding a Policy in the True Reformers the Cause of the Proceedings-Lucy Berry Wrote the Article in

Suit was instituted yesterday by Robert Patterson (colored) by his attorney S. S. P. Patterson, against John Mitchell, Jr.

D. W. Davis, D. B. Williams, R. A. Paul, C. B. Roane, J. E. Jones, James H. Hayes, B. F. Turner, R. E. Jones, E. R. Carter, W. H. James, J. E. Merriweather, S. H. Dismond, E. A. Randolph, administrator of W. H. Fitzhugh, deceased, and E.A. Randolph in his own right, all colored, and partners doing business under the firm name of the Planet Publishing Company, for libel for, as is alleged in the declaration, the publishing of certain "false, candalous and malicious statements."

The article in question is the following advertisement, which was published in the issue of the Planet of March 7th, and is signed

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"Mrs. Lucy Berry has been in Richmond two months. She came here to bury her brother, who died on the 3d of January. He was a member of the True Reformers. He left his policy with Mr. Robert Patterson, and he would not show me my brother's policy, and he told me that he did not have any policy, I went up to the True Reformers' office, and they told me that his policy was \$125. Mr. R. T. Hill gave me instructions what steps to take, and Mr. Patterson tried to cheat me out of my dead brother's money.

"I am the only sister he had in the world. I had a hard time with him, but I got it because it belongs to me. My brother's name was James Oliver. I am his sister, Mrs. Lucy Berry. I expect to leave to-day for Fairfield, Conn."

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The facts in the case are: James Oliver had been bearding with the plaintiff at whose house he died, leaving his board unpaid. The plaintiff alleges that he gave him the policy in lieu of money for his board. The sister of the dead man, Lucy Herry, came to Richmond and endeavored to recover the policy, but failed, and a compromise was agreed upon, whereupon she got about \$35.

Before leaving for Connecticut she published the above card in the Planet.

The plaintiff is a man who stands well with his church brethren, and he alleges that his good name has been damaged to the amount of \$2.000.

The Planet was first conducted by the Independent League, but at a reorganization the name was changed to the Planet P ublishing Company. The facts in the case are: James Oliver had

Company.

The company, however, has never been chartered, and each of the above parties is responsible for the whole amount should a judgment be obtained.

### BLUES' COMMITTEE.

### The Soldier Boys Arranging for Their Fair this Spring.

The ways and means committee of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues met last evening at Captain Sol Cutchins' law office, in the Shafer building, to make arrangements. For the coming fair of the company, which will be held in the building to be erected at the corner of Fifth and Main streets, after it has been vacated by the ladies of the Wo-men's Christian Association at the close of their carnival, evening at Captain Sol Cutchins' law office.

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A number of committees were appointed from the members of the company, which will receive additions from members of the association, after a conference between Colonel John Bell Bigger and Major B. W. Rich-There will also be a number of ladies' com

mittees, which will be appointed after the chairman of the lady managers has been de-

chairman of the lady managers has been decided upon.
The committees, as appointed from the company, are the following:
Executive Committee—Captain Sol. Cutchins, Lieutenants A. E. Heinrich, Clarence Wyatt, H. F. Vaughan, Sergeants J. A. Jones, William B. Pizzini, H. K. Franklin, T. R. Glazebrock, Corporal F. M. Woon, Privates W. T. Ledford, Bandmaster G. B. Mountcastle, and Surgeon E. T. Baker,
Refreshment Committee—Lieutenant A. E. Heinrich, Sergeants T. R. Glazebrock and George W. Epps, Privates Warren Bowers, A. L. Davis, Ben. W. Grubbs, R. C. A. Miller, Leon Ruskell, James T. Simmons, A. Wendlinger and S. J. Wingfield.
Floor and Reception Committee—Lieutenant Clarence Wyatt, Sergeant H. K. Frankling corporals Frank R. Steel, James L. Rogers, and E. B. White privates B. A. Adams, J. W. and W. H. Cox, E. R. Donnan, C. W. Harris, H. B. Hartman, R. S. Heywood, James Northey, L. H. Raymond, F. E. Stacey, J. E. Fitzwilson, T. J. Smither, W. L. Shuman, T. L. Stubblefield, M. C. Thompson, E. T. Wade, Ro, J. Walker, Jr., Clarence Werner, and J. F. White.
Amusement Committee—Lieutenant H. F. J. F. White

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Charles A. Page, G. H. Tompkins, and K. C. Williams.
Decoration Committee—W. T. Ledford, Sergeants J. Alex. Jones, O. J. Adams and George F. Guy, Privates John C. Booth, U. M. Councill, Walter S. McLeiland, John F. Teller, J. M. Lockname and O. E. Zacharias.
Music Committee—Bandmaster G. Burton Mounteastle, J. M. Brereton, J. T. Boland, L. R. Boland, P. Coleveta, J. A. Hausch, S. S. Perkins, H. E. Pusey, E. K. Sampson, J. B. Smith, A. J. Stevens, W. H. Tyree, Jr., and Fmil von Kramer.

The first named member of cach committee e chairman of said committee.

chairman of said committee

# A MAP OF RICHMOND.

### Chamber of Commerce Preparing One-Banquet Postponed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday at 6 P.

M. Present—Colonel John B. Purcell, president, Mr. S. H. Hawes, second vice-president, Messrs. Thomas N. Carter, John B. Cary, James D. Crump, H. E. Holms, B. P. Johnson, A. D. Landerkin, E. G. Leigh, Jr., N. V. Randolph, George A. Smith, E. D. Taylor, S. W. Travers and H. Wallerstein, directors, and Colonel John Murphy.

Mr. H. E. Holms, on behalf the Committee on Manufactures, stated to the Board the progress that had been made in preparing the map of Richmond and the vicinity, and exhibited proofs of the same, which will be ready for distribution in about ten days or a fortnight.

In regard to certain recommendations of Commerce was held yesterday at 6 P.

fortnight.

In regard to certain recommendations of the committee, submitted for the approval of the Board, upon the motion of Mr. Thomas N. Carter, seconded by Major N. V. Randolph, the whole matter was left to the decision of the Committee on Manufactures, but with the suggestion that they incorporate or print upon the margin of the map the leading and most important statistical facts in regard to Richmond.

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There being no other reports from standing committees, the question of a basquet for the members of the Chamber was considered, and after being fully discussed by Mesers. Cary, Johnson. Hawes, Landerkin and others, upon motion of Mr. E. G. Leigh, Jr., it was determined to be inexpedient to have the banquet in the near future, and to postpone it until the fall, or until the Chamber could occupy its quarters in the new building, when one would certainly have to be given.

The secretary laid before the Board a communication from Mesers. Guild & Lord, of Boston, Mass, relating to a scheme of advertising for the purpose of securing foreign manufactories and capital, which was referred to the Committee on Advertising, and also a communication from the Birmingham Real Estate Exchange, calling for anational organization of real estate men for the purpose of securing uniformity of rules and customs as to real estate transactions, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting then adjourned.

Charitable Work.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Committee of the Hebrew Home for the Aged and Infirm have elected Mrs. Sam Cohen as chairman, and Miss Emma Bachrach as secretary. The committee have hold two meetings this week, and are planning active work in furtherance of the charitable work in view. Many liberal sontributions have been received, and more tre expected.

### COMBINES OF TOBACCO MEN. The American Tobacco Company Encounters

Opposition As the Allen & Ginter eigarette company, of this city, and Whitlock cheroot works, of this city, are embraced in the American Tobacco Company's operations, the following from yesterday's New York Sun will be of interest. The rumors concerning the formation of a great tobacco trust to embrace all the manu-

the United States have created much interest among tobacco men.

The leading cigarette manufacturers, the Dukes, the Kimballs, Allen & Ginter, and others, are already united in the American Tebacco Coingany, attd it is said this company is endeavoring to buy up the plug manufacturers. A short time ago the American Tobacco Company bought out the National Tobacco Works, of Louiville, Ky. This is one of the largest plug manufacturing concerns in the country, and the purchase gave rise to minerate the company of which the American Tobacco Company was to be the head.

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President Duke of the American Tobacco Company told a Sun reporter last week that there was nothing in the rumors so far as his company was concerned.

The company thought the plug business a profitable one, and was certainly going into it, he said, and the National Tobacco Works was bought because it seemed to be a good property and was for sale.

The American Tobacco Company, he added, was not a trust, and if it acquired any more plug factories it would simply buy and pay for them.

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It is said on good authority that the price paid for the National Tobacco Works was \$1.800,000, \$600,000 cash and the remainder in bonds of the American Tobacco Company. These bonds pay ten per cent, interest. The price is considered very high. IN VIROINIA.

It is rumored in Danville, Va., that the American Tobacco Company is negotiating for the purchase of one or more factories in that city. It is also said there that the Whitlock cheroot factory and Venable's tobacco factory are on the point of selling out to the New York concern.

In Louisville it is rumored that the Finzer factory will be the next there to sell out to the American Tobacco Company, and that others will follow.

President Duke said yesterday that the rumors seemed to be simply a repetition of whose about which his opinion was quoted in the Sun a week ago, and he did not desire to say anything further.

If the American Tobacco Company is really endeavoring to obtain control of the plug business it is as yet confining its efforts to the South and West.

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South and West.

The leading plng tobacco manufacturing companies in this city say they have no knowledge of such a combination, and they are inclined to ridicule the idea.

The rumors are generally accepted as correct in the South and West, however, and counter combinations are forming.

THE OPPOSITION. In Danville, Va., members of the Farmers' Alliance are endeavoring to establish a cigar-ette factory in opposition to the New York

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It is said that stock will soon be issued. In oursville, the warehouse men are combining o protect their interests, but the growers are tot in sympality with them. It is proposed to unite all the warehouses and one concern, which shall control the andling of tobacco between the growers and be manufacturers. It is to be a stock com-lary. Negotiations for its formation were be-un last fall, but they fell through on account f the money panie in New York. It is now said that Hon. Albert S. Willis is a his way to New York to float the bonds of he new company.

The warehouse men are endeavering to get the growers in the Farmers' Alliance and the Laborers' Union into the combination, but the growers decline to place themselves, as they term it, wholly at the mercy of one concern, which shall fix the price of their product. So the Farmers' Alliance men have started an opposition warehouse in Louisville, to be called the Growers' warehouse. It is said all the necessary money has been raised, and the first sale will take place this week.

In the Court.

Police Court.—About a week ago Velpo Taylor (colored) was arrested on a charge of being a fugitive from justice—from North Carolina. The case was continued until yesterday in order to communicate with the North Carolina authorities. It appears that Taylor—was not the man looked for and Justice Crutchfield therefore discharged him from custody.

A. P. Harper and H. Tyler—were arraigned under the charge—of fighting—in the street. Their case was continued until to-day.

Elvira Johnson and Sue Patterson (both colored) had to pay a fine—of \$2.50—each for fighting.

Allen (colored) was charged with George Hopkins with a stick. The scentinued until to-morrow.

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George A. Kelly had to pay \$5 for fighting on the street.

Mara Salah, an Egyptian, was charged with assaulting and choking Tenis Francis. The latter told the Court through an interpreter that he and the accused occupied the same bed. Salah last night took all the cover from him, and when he remonstrated. Salah jumped on his chest with both knees and almost choked him to death.

Salah denied this, and said that he occupied the same room with fifteen Arabs, who were all against him because he was a Mahomedan. Justice Crutchfield ordered them all out of court, and cautioned them that if he heard any more of their fighting he would send them to jail.

to jail.

Supreme Court of Appeals—Piedmont Club against the Commonwealth. Argued by Charles M. Blackford, Esq., for the plaintiff in error, and the Attorney-General for the Commonwealth, and submitted.

Whiting against town of West Point. Petition for mandamus filed and continued until March 30th.

March 30th.
Edichal Bullion Company against Columbia
Gold Mining Company. Argued by William
B. Pettit, Esq., for appellant.
City Circuit Court.—In the suit of M. M.
Hope against Henry G. Cannon, which was an

Hope against Henry G. Cannon, which was an action of ejectment, the jury yesterday found a verdict for the defendant, and judgment was given by the court on the verdict.

Rosarina La Genestra instituted suit yesterday through her next friend. Dominico La Genestra, against the Richmond Railway and Electric Company for \$15,000. This is the little girl who was run over by an electric car on the 30th of last October just after getting off in front of her home at Twenty-second and Main streets. It will be remembered that she was badly injured and that one of her legs had to be amputated and that for awhile her life was despaired of.

Henrico County Court.—Henry Baptist (col-

was badly injured and that for awhile her life was despaired of.

Hearico County Court.—Henry Baptist (colored) was arraigned yesterday before Judge Minor, under the charge of assaulting Edward Turner. He pleaded guilty, and was fined \$5 and sent to jail for one day.

Richard Brown, a one-legged negro, was charged with felomously cutting William Stewart. The case was continued, owing to the absence of some witnesses for the defense. The fracas occurred on Monday night at a dance in a house on Twenty-seventh street, between 8 and T streets. A controversy arcse between the parties in question which ended in a light, during which Stewart was badly beaten about the head and cut in three places on his body.

Feter Goode (colored) was before Justice Whitney, charged with breaking and entering at night into the hen-house of L. Daubreisel and stealing a number of fowls. The defense not being ready for examination, the case was continued until March 23d.

Hustings Court.—William Taliaferro, charged with felomously shooting William Holmes. Found guilty and sent to jail for twelve months and fined \$5. Mr. D. C. Richardson defended the accused.

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On account of the very inclement weather last night, the chalk talk by Professor George E. Little, of Washington, which was to have taken place at the Young Men's Christian As-sociation Hall, was postponed until next Tues-day night. day night.

The Professer, however, entertained those who had assembled with a free talk in the

pariors.

This was greatly enjoyed, and made very interesting and instructive with chalk and charcoal illustrations.

Opera "Fauvette." The ladies and gentlemen engaged in the presentation of this opera for the preservation of Confederate relics, are requested to attend a full rehearsal at the house of Mr. James R. Branch, 315 west Franklin street, to-night at 8 o'clock.

### BLIND POET DISCUSSED.

MEETING OF THE ROSEMARY LITE-RARY SOCIETY.

Miss Maria Blair's Reading Class on "Comus"\_Essay on the Life and Works of Milton-Meeting of the Public Library Associa-

The Rosemary Literary Society held their regular semi-monthly meeting last night at the Rosemary Library, with Dr. Thomas Nelson Page as presiding officer.

Owing to the bad weather the attendance was rather small, but the meeting was a very interesting one.

Miss Maria Blair's reading class gave a reading from "Comus," and Mr. Dickerson followed with an essay on the life and works of Milton.

At the close of the essay a general discussion of the subject took place, in which Dr.

sion of the subject took place, in which Dr. Thomas N. Page and Messrs. Meredith and Rosewell Page took part.

The last named called attention to the fact that Milton received only 45 for his manuscript of "Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained," and another 45 after 1,300 copies of it had been sold, and the promise of receiving another 45 for every new edition of the work, not to exceed 1,500 copies each.

In all he received fifteen pounds for it, and his wildow nine additional pounds.

He added that Milton will always rank next to Shakespeare, as far as his poetry is concerned, while his prose also was very remarkable.

Dr. Thomas Nelson Page pointed out that Milton's English in his prose was remarkable and gorgeous, it was poetry slung into prose

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what he had done in his writing he lower co-his studies.

He was only twenty years old when he wrote his Paradise.

He had obtained a splendid education and had been a student at the first college of the world. Christ Church, Cambridge.

After completing his studies there he retired to the country near London to continue his studies, and there he got the impressions which he afterwards embodied in his poems. This knowledge was based on profound study of the prophets of the Old Testament and of the classics.

In his writings he quoted less than any other man, but what he had read he absorbed and gave the writer's colorings through his own mind.

own mind.

The next meeting of the society will be held on Thursday, March 26th, at 8:30 P. M. The subject of the evening will be "Macbeth," and the programme will be as follows: Reading by Mr. Henry S. Hutzler, secretary of the society. Essay by Miss Blair's class. Reading by Miss Lou Dickerson. Essay by Mr. Rosewell Page; Reading by Miss Blair's class.

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Library Association.

The Executive Committee of the Public Labrary Association will hold a meeting next Tuesday afternoon, when a report will be received from the committee of which Colonel Cutshaw is chafrman, in regard to the location of the new quarters for the library, ways and means to enlarge it and general recommendations.

Fun at the Academy Last Night. A crowded house at the Academy of Music last night greeted the first presentation here of Hoyt's whimsical satire on popular super-stition, entitled 'A Brass Monkey," which was given by a splendidly selected company of comedium. omedians.

The piece overflows with fun, and is full of

surprises

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The audience laughed from the rise to the fall of the curtain, and as a proposition in comedy, clean and meritorious, "A Brass Monkey" must be voted an emphatic success, Mr. George Marion, a well-known funmaker, assumed the role of Jonah, a victim of superstition and almost everything else. In his clever hands the character was essentially indicrous, yet, despite the fun he provoked, he gave one or two examples of his powers to be pathetic, which would certainly have secured serious recognition but for the comical breaks which immediately followed.

There is a charming coterie of girls in the performance, all good singers, capable dancers, and comedians.

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The musical features of the performance were numerous and elicited much applians, and the encores were many.

Miss Alice Evans as Buggage was chie, and Messrs. Harden, Hatter and Hecket, the original "Razzle-Dazzle" trio, fairly convulsed the house, and were forced to reappear time and again.

again.
Altogether "A Brass Monkey" is all that has been claimed for it, and should be seen by all who can enjoy good and wholesome fun. The engagement will close Saturday night, and inludes a Saturday matinee

# Church Services.

The interest in the Friday night services.
St. Mark's continues. There was a good congregation to hear Mr. Mason, of St. James, last Friday night, despite the bad weather the slippery walking. Mr. Mason of the slippery walking. To-night Mr. Carmichael will preach. The services begin promptly at 8 o'clock, and ushers are in attendance to see that worship-ers are comfortably seated. Other services of unusual interest will be held in St. Mark's very soon, of which we will give our readers

very soon, of which we will give our readers due notice.

The revival service at Seventh-street Christian church continued with unabated interest. A large crowd was in attendance at the service last night. There has been so far three additions to the church. The services, which are conducted by Rev. Jabez Hall and Rev. I. J. Spencer, will continue until further notice, except on Saturday night.

Bad weather made no great impression on the attendance at this church last night. The sermon by Mr. Harrison was powerful, and the interest was greater than ever before. A number of persons manifested interest in religion, and two young men professed conversion. The people were deeply stirred.

The pastor pronounced the meeting the most effective of the series.

# Royal Arcanum.

The ninth annual session of the Grand ouncil of the Royal Arcanum of this State ill convene on Tuesday, March 24th, at 8 M., at Ford's Hotel.

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The standing committees are: Laws and Appeals—John E. Hankins, J. Taylor Ellyson, and F. F. McWilkie. Finance—William T. Allen, G. B. Gill and Marx Gunst.

Grand-Regent James B. Blanks has appointed Messrs, N. K. White, H. Kaufmann, and J. E. Laughran a committee on credentials and mileage.

# Artery Ruptured.

The ambulance was called yesterday after-noon to the Gallego Mills. An employe, named Newton, was attacked with a profuse bleeding from his mouth and nose. The doc-tor in charge found that the bleeding was caused by a ruptured artery, and pronounced M. Newton's condition serious.

Captain Page McCarty, of this city, has gone to New York, and it is thought here that he will accompany ex-Senator Warner Miller's party to Nicaragua. Mr. Miller is president of the Nicaragua Canal Company, and he and his party will inspect the progress of the work. Captain McCarty, it is said, will represent a leading New York paper.

The final examination of the Medical Col-lege of Virginia will begin Tuesday, March 31st, and end Tuesday, April 7, 1891. The commencement exercises will take place April 9th at the Richmond Theatre. The Rev. W. V. Tudor will deliver the ad-dress to the graduating class.

# Debate Postponed.

The debate between the Henrico Lyceum and the Randolph Literary Society which was to have taken place to-night has been postponed until Thursday, the 19th, at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall. An interesting programme has been arranged and the public are invited. The River Rising. In consequence of the heavy rains lately in this section James river is rising, but nothing serious is expected. At 12 o'clock last night it was between five and six feet higher than usual at the Rocketts wharves.

The staff, line and field officers of the First Virginia regiment met last night in the regi-mental armory and discussed many matters in the interest of the regiment. Nothing of public interest was done.

# THE POWHATAN CLUB.

An Interesting Session for the Brothers of Democracy.

A largely attended meeting of the Powhatan Club was held last night. Mr. Preston Belvin presided and Mr. G. Roddy Tenser was

appointed secretary.

The resignation of Mr. E. Buford Grymes as secretary of the club and as a member was read, and on motion laid on the table.

Mr. Tenser was then elected secretary protein. The membership committee reported fiften names, who were elected members of the club.

the club.

Considerable discussion took place as to the delinquency of members, and a committee was appointed to devise the best means for

was appointed to devise the best means to collecting these arrearages.

The committee of eighteen made an ex-haustive report, in which it was recommended that a committee of five he appointed to sug-gest the most efficient method of securing the additional number of active members author-ized by an amendment to the constitution, which gives an additional number of five hun-dred.

which gives an additional number of five hundred.

The following circular was recommended by the committee to be sent to non-residents. It explains itself:

The Fowhatan Club proposes to establish a permanent club-house in Richmond with a view to making it the political headquarters at the capital of the State for acting members of the Democratic party, as members or as guests, Measures have been taken to secure a fully equipped club-house, and the constitution has been amended to allow fifteen hundred members, of whom five hundred will be non-resident life members.

It is proposed that the State Committee shall establish its headquarters at the Powhatan Club, and that as a permanent and constant organization the club will solidify the party throughout the State and be enabled to secure the means, and, on all occasions, bring out a full vote.

The fee for non-resident life membership will be twenty-five dollars without any dues or assessments.

or assessments.

This letter is addressed to the principal active Democrats of the State, and you are requested to give it your attention and to furnish the names of any other persons whom you may be willing to recommend. The funds thus collected as proposed, will be devoted to the purchase of the property and establishment of the club."

A financial scheme was also reported which in substance was covered by the circular letter.

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In this report it is recommended that all moneys arising from the fees of non-resident members, and all money derived from the institution fees and dues of resident members over and above the expenses of the club shall be set aside as a building fund, to which shall also be added all sums collected of persons who may subscribe to the fund for the erection of a club house, and to secure such subscriptions the scribe to the fund for the erection of a club-house, and to secure such subscriptions the president shall appoint a committee of twen-ty-five, who shall solicit subscriptions, which shall be paid in monthly installments, not ex-ceeding fwelve months in limit of payment. When the building fund so collected shall amount to \$10,000 the erection of the club-house shall be commenced.

The balance of the money for its erection or purchase to be obtained by mortgage exe-cuted upon the property, to authorize the club to execute which, an amendment to the charter shall be obtained.

Active Move Made by the German-American Association. The Committee on Immigration of the German-American Association met last night at Sanger Hall. Those being present were Sanger Hall. Those owing pieces were Messrs, Joseph Wallerstein, chairman, Her-mann Schmidt, Henry G. Miller, Charles T. Loehr, of Richmond, Joseph Middendorf, Chesterfield, R. Muller, Seven Pines, C. L. Miller, Esst Richmond

GERMAN IMMIGRATION.

Chesterneid, R. Miller, Seven Phes, C. L. Miller, East Richmond.

For some time the important question of desirable immigation has been discussed by the above association, and the matter has been actively taken in hand by the above committee.

Last night it was decided to secure options on several thousand acres of land within a radius of fifteen miles around the city. After these options are secured the committee will select the lands they deem most desirable and

select the lands they deem most desirable and issue a prospectus.

In this will be set forth the desirability of immigration to this section and advantages that can be offered.

The prospectus will form a part of a circular to be issued by the Association and distributed widely in Germany.

The committee will also proceed at once to secure agents in Germany to further the immigration, and will do all possible to promote immigration to this section of a desirable class of farmers.

The work is entirely a patriotic one—a brotherly one. No member of the committee or association will be allowed to sell to settlers.

The land on which options are secured will be sold at its original cost, and the work is the result of one of the objects of the German-American Association.

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It is generally recognized that the Germans are thrifty farmers, and there are numerous instances in this immediate section. They have been highly successful.

The committee feels certain that if they can induce twenty-five to fifty families to settle

here, that their success others to follow them. cess will encourage man

# A GREAT SCHEME.

### Gallego Mills Has Been Fitted With a Convenient Contrivance. Gallego mills has just been fitted up with a

rather novel arrangement for extinguishing fire, and at the same time turn in an alarm that will give notice to employes on other

that will give notice to employes on other floors.

Throughout the building on the ceiling and about the walls is cast-iron pipe. At about a distance of ten feet apart the pipe has a joint, or an end, and on either is put tusible solder. When a fire starts this solder is melted, and the water at once begins to pour out of the pipe.

Where the water is connected with the pipe is a sort of lever arrangement. The pipes are pumped full of air, and until the air is gone from the pipes, as it would do if a solder end would burn off, this lever keeps the water from the pipes. By this means, as would occur in the winter, there is a preventative against freezing and also keeps the pipe from rusting, &c.

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One pound of air keeps back from the pipes seven pounds of water, and as the water is about forty-two pounds, there is about six pounds' pressure on the lever. When the water is let in a pin in the lever drops, and, by electricity, the alarm bell is rung.

About 200,000 feet of pipe has been used. The invention is that of Frederick Gunnell, Providence, R. L. A Fales & Jenks rotary engine is used to pump the water when a fire occurs, capable of throwing about 650 gallons of water a minute. Mr. H. Padleford did the work and to appearances it is an excellent job.

### Will Probably be Converted Into a Synagogue. On Franklin street between Eighteenth and

Nineteenth stands an old building, rough and

uncouth in its appearance, but a landmark in Richmond, and dear to the hearts of many of that craft whose working tools are the trowel and souare, and whose handlwork is plummed and leveled. This house is known as the old Masonic Hall, and it is said to be the oldest temple in America in use. It is now the property of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19, but as the Grand Masonic Temple on Broadstreet is nearly completed, and as all the lodges in the city will meet there, it will soon be unoccupied. While those who have for so long a time been accustomed to meet there hold it as all most sacred, it is evident, dislike it as they may, that necessity demanded either the sale or the rental of their old home. Some time ago there was an offer made from the officers of the, Polish-Jewish Synagogue to rent the building, and recently they have offered to buy. There is no doubt that the offer is finade in good faith, and it is said that it will very likely be accepted at the next meeting of the Lodge. uncouth in its appearance, but a landmark in

John Mitchell, Jr., (colored) editor of the Richmond Planet and president of the Col-ored Press Association of the United States, has called a meeting of the association to be held in Cincinnati, O., March 17th, 18th and

Mrs. Judge Dabney, of Powhatan county, who has many friends in Richmond, has been very ill for several weeks, and is now suffering from a stroke of partial paralysis.

# FOUND DEAD AT HIS POST

EXPIRED WHILE GUARDING THE CONVICTS.

Mr. John T. Mills, one of the Watchmen at the Penitentiary, Found Dead in his Sen-

try Box at 1 O'clock Last Night-The Details. Mr. John T. Mills, one of the guards at the penitentiary, was found dead last night on his sost. It is the custom at the penitentiary for the guards to be relieved at 1 o'clock, and at

that time last night, or rather this morning, Mr. J. H. Martin went to relieve Mr. Mills. He found the door of the watchbox closed and knocked, but received no reply. He then pushed open the door, and saw him sitting in one corner of the box on a tin bucket. He was leaning against the side of the house and Mr. Martin thought he was asleep. Mr. Martin thought he was assect,
After calling him repeatedly and gaining no
reply he shook him, and it was then, when he
felt the clammy coldness of his hand, that he
recognized that he was in the presence of

death.

He passed the alarm down from man to man, and soon all the officers and guards were informed of the sad occurrence.

Mr. Mills is a man about sixty-five years of age and is much esteemed wherever known, and several of his comrades expressed last night, in tears, the serrow which they felt.

WIFE AND CHILDREN.

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Mr. Mills lived at No. 223 south Second street, and leaves a wife and several children. At 2:30 this morning his family had not been notified, but a messenger was sent soon afterwards to bear the sad intelligence.

Mr. Mills was at one time a very prominent truck farmer near this city, but met with mistortune and was forced to move to Richmond and to earn his support and the support of his wife and children by working as a guard at the peniterhiary.

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The box in which he was found is on top of the high wall which surrounds the prison, and is on the northwest corner. It was his duty to sit in this box, and watch the north side of the yard, that no prisoner might climb over. This box is reached by a long flight of stairs on the south side of the prison, and then a walk over the top of the wall across the worstern side. It would have been a matter of impressibility for anyone to have reached him without passing several of the other guards.

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His body bore no marks of violence whatever, but he rather seemed to be in a calm and quiet sleep.

A Tistes man reached the pententiary about 2 o'clock this morning, in company with Coroner Taylor and after a long walk on the top of the wall, reached the little sentinel box.

The coroner made a careful examination, and asked numerous questions, but failed to find it necessary to summons a jury.

His pisted could not be found, but his gun was hanging just above his head. In his pocket was a bottle of whisky and a bottle of hart-horn liminent.

After the examination was made two stalwart prisoners were sent for, and they with some difficulty, bore his lifeless body on a litter over the harrow stone pathway and down the steep and crooked stairs.

Mr. C. P. Ailstock, one of the guards, said that he had a talk with him at 7 o'clock as he went on duty, and that he was complaining of a severe pain in his chest and shoulders, and told him that he had been rubbing with turpentine and hartshorn.

It is not known how long he had been dead, but Mr. Martin said that when he touched his forchead it was still warm, and in fact, when the coroner saw him his head was not entirely cold although his body was stiff and only straightened with difficulty.

The doctor decided that he had either died from the rheumatism which had touched his heart, or from heart diseaso.

Many Items of Interest Concerning Richmond People. There will be special services at the First Baptist church Sunday school next Sunday morning, and Mr. R. W. Powers, the superin-tendent, cordially invites all to be present. The committee on invitation of the Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., will meet with Union Ledge to might, Grand Sire Bisbes is expected to visit this city some time in April.

Judge F. R. Farrar and the Banjo Club will entertain an audience at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall to-night with re-citals, plantation songs and music.

The Clay Ward Actives were to have had their regular meeting at Reinhardt's Hall, but owing to the absence of a quorum, the meet-Captain R. P. Marshall, of Portsmouth; State Senator Peters, of Patrick, and Major H. H. Dyson, of Nottoway, were in the city

Miss Fanny B. Harrison of Danville, and Mrs. Mary Mason Berkeley of Amelia, are visiting Mrs. Lewis H. Blair, 511 east Grace

A marriage license was issued in Washing-ton, yesterday to Charles Akers, of Fauquier county, and Lubu Clarke, of Richmond, Va. Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to William H. Robinson and Emma J. Short; Moses Price and Sallie Ward (all colored). Dr. A. A. Wenmell and his sister, Miss Mary Wenmell, of Brooklyn, are the guests of their niece, Mrs. John K. Molloy.

At the meeting of Lee Camp to-night an auxiliary association of the members' wives and daughters will be formed.

A rehearsal for the Lady Washington's Tea Party will take place at Monticello Hall Sat-urday at 1:30 P. M.

Miss Marie Decca and her mother, Mrs. Johnston, left last night at 7:10 o'clock for Washington.

# Elba Democratic Club meets to-night at Tholl's Hall, on west Broad street,

Some of the Names on the Registers Last Night. The following were among the arrivals at

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Murphys—B. M. Burroughs, Baltimore; Mrs.
L. R. Davis, Canajohare, N. Y.; Lewis L.
Davis, Jr., Ca majohare, N. Y.; J. M. Burnham,
New York; Thomas R. Neath, New York; R.
W. Levitt, Philadel-phia; Charles S. Austin,
Baltimore; N. B. Potter, Jr., Philadelphia;
Milton Mack, New York;
Ford's—Mr. W. H. Nolan, R. T. Hopper,
Montreal; B. Dallas Dohnert, Philadelphia;
M. J. Hartman, Pittsburg; L. E. Hollister,
M. D. Newark, N. J.; C. C. Hinman, Philadelphia; S. C. Gale and wife, Minneapolis,
Minn; Mr. and Mrs. F. Rackman, Boston;
R. N. Richardson, High Point, N. C.; Rev.
William A. Dunphy, White Plains, N. Y.; D.
H. Fitzgerald, Scranton, Pa.
Davis House—Thomas L. Burch, I. V. Clark,
Philadelphia; W. E. Seboye, New York; A. Pike,
Baltimore; Charles E. Hoge, I. J. Sinclair,
Frankfort, Ky.; Benjamia H. Martin, Augusta, Ga.; William C. Henderson, Washington; J. E. Morrison, Thomas P. Dill, Philadelphia; J. N. Beckwith, New York; J. E.
Hopkins, Nashville; W. P. Rose, Baltimore;
Gsorge E. Putnam, William O. Busts, Fitchburg, Mass.

Exchange—Major J. T. Sanger, U. S. Survey,
on tour of inspection through old fortifications; E. H. Huggins, of the Cosmopolitan
Hotel, New York; R. B. Ricker and F. E.
Curtis, proprietors of the Poland Springs
Hotel: Major A. H. Drewry, Westover, C. A.
Caihoun and family, owner of the Alleghany
Springs, R. H. Holdridge, general route
agent of the United States Express; Colonel
A. B. Andrews, North Carolina; Donald B.
Toucey, counsel for the Street Railway
Company, New York.

# Doing Well.

Mr. Robert Grymes, who had his leg broken on Tuesday evening, was doing nicely last night. Dr. George Ben Johnston stated that his patient is improving steadily and from present appearance there is no probability that his leg will have to be taken off.

To Nominate Three Persons.

The Board of Public Interests of the City Council will meet next Monday night at 6, o'clock to nominate three citizens of Jackson ward for fire commissioner, to succeed Mr. N. V. Randolob.

Mary Lucy Layne and P. R. Williams, Allas Willie Jackson.

Mary Lucy Layne was walking on Broad street last Saturday night alone. In her thoughts no idea of lurking danger for one moment dwelt in her brain. She was reas-

EPISODE IN TWO LIFES.

bly happy, and in this state pursued her way rith contentment. She had not proceeded far, however, before She had not by P. R. Williams, who gave has name to Mary as Willie Jackson. This late-individual professed to know Mary. He even went furthe?

He assured her femining mind that she was

He assured for feminine mind that she was a relative, and he proceeded with all gallanty to make himself affable and pleasant.

The sights of the city were gazed on The busy Saturday night buyers were commenced on. The shop windows looked into Margand Willie stroiled with satisfaction to them selves and pleasure to each other. A vertable Paul and Virginia, happy in each others thoughts.

### WENT HOME.

Mary soon proposed to go home, and with Chesterfieldian gallantry, Willie offered to accompany her.

Her residence was named, and together they went. When the house was reached No. 646 north Seventh street, Mary could not be standard to be st than ask Willie to come in, and the gay Lothario was not slow in accepting the secretics.

vitation. Together they went into the house, and for

presence.
Suddenly a shrick was heard, followed by louder one. The feminine portion of a household, who were on the upper flushed down, and found Mary in a paint.

plight."
Willie had assaulted her. Won by her smille had made offers calculated to bring blue to the girl's face, and ere long he had computed an act that will do much to place him.

### POLICE ON THE TRACK.

The police was at once notified and Mary gave a clear and concise description of her assailant. Policemen Tomilinson and Color were put to work, and with a Videog's perpensities Mr. Tomilinson arrested Williams yesterday.

Mary was brought to the station-house, and at once identified him as the man.

When Williams was searched a slung-she was found in his pocket. He is quite a police disching mulatto, about twenty-five years allowing mulatto, about twenty-five years allowing mulatto, about seventeen years old, is quite a pretty girl, and is almost white. She is a micee of Robert Banks, the well-known of the opener at Rugger's, and is considered a belle in the swell set of darkey society. He will be before the Police Justice this morning.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Mar. 12.—Secretary Proctor and party of visitors from Washington spent the day in traveling over the battle fields at Mission Ridge and Lookout Mission was to be greated banquet given at the Read House celebrate the successful manufacture of steel in this section from low-grade Southermon, About 200 covers were had and mannenthusiastic speeches were made. The part from Washington have decided to leave less on their homeward trip at 10 o'clock towns row morning. It is expected that a brief stip will be made at Knoxylle.

Mr. Gent III.

Columnus, Ind., Mar. 12.—Representative

THE following correspondence fully es-DUBLIN, IRELAND, February 20, 180

RICHMOND, March 12, 1801. Dear Tim, -Yours received. In answ would say my opinion and that of the pul-is that Chewning & Rose are not only a leaders here, but are frequently employed land companys in other sections of the Sta Yours faithfully. James

DEATHS.

ANDERSON.—Died, at 8.500 o'clock P. M. on the lith instant, at the residence of his grandfather. Dr. J. G. Lumpkin, No. 1000 east Marshal street, JOHN LUMPAIN, aged thriteen month-youngest child of W. M. and Alice Anderson.

BOOKER.—Died, March 10, 1891, at the residence of her parents, No. 800 north Twenty 50th street, at 8 o'clock P. M. BEAULA M. else-daughter of James E and Dora M. Booker, aged two years and one month.

HUDGINS.—Died, at the residence of her parents, 1250 work Moore street, at 12 o'clock Flowday inght, JULIA May HUDGINS, man daughter of C. H. and Mary Hudgins.

WHALIAMS.—Died, March 10th at 8.515 A. M. at 805% south Pine street, the residence of her father, Mr. M. Williams, MAMIR, MILDIALD WHALIAMS, in the fifth year of her age. DEATHS.

WEATHER FORECAST.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC, MAR. 13, 1601.

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Schooner C. F. Baker, Rockport, ice; schooner C. D. Hall, Norfolk, to load coal; schooner N. W. Craig, Boston, to load coal. Schooner B. H. King, Boston, coal; schooner J. B. Ogden, New York, coal; schooner Job H. Jackson, Norfolk, light.

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Columnus, Ivn., Mar. 12.—Representative Joseph F. Gent arrived here from Indianal lister right in a bad condition. He was taken suidenly ill, and physicians have given up all hopes of his recovery.

Dear Jerry. Who are the leading and cers in your city? Please answer this in tant question at once, and obligs your an

Washington, D. C. Mar. 11.—Forecast for Virginia and North Carolina: Rain, colder by Saturday, variable winds.

FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 14, 1891, 1791, DICTED TIME (STANDARD) OF HIGH TIDE AT

PORT OF WEST POINT, MAR. 12, 1891.

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